

# Ban Halts Peace Arrangements---Wants Suit Withdrawn---Terrapins Meet

## AMERICAN LEAGUERS TO WAIT UNTIL SUIT IS OUT OF COURTS

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The peace arrangements among the magnates have hit another snag, and Ban Johnson announces today that the American League will stop right where it is until the Federal Leaguers withdraw their suit from Judge Landis' court in Chicago. Nothing further will be done by the American League toward clearing up the present muddled condition until this suit is withdrawn. Indeed, Ban says "it was a mistake to go ahead until that was done."

Today the Baltimore Federal League stockholders will meet to come to some decision. President Rasin will tell just what he knows of the peace agreement, and some action is expected. Jack Dunn, who will have the Baltimore Terrapins, has offered \$50,000 for the Terrapins' ball park, but his offer has been turned down by Rasin and his associates. Judge Landis informed the magnates some few weeks ago that the signatures of all parties to the suit would have to be obtained before he would allow the suit to be withdrawn. All but the Baltimore folks have agreed. The Orioles believe themselves the "goat" of the whole deal, and have since then blocked all action.

### JOHNSON CHARGES BAD FAITH.

President Johnson talked over the long-distance phone yesterday with Judge Williams, in St. Louis, the American League's attorney. Following that he announced his unwillingness to proceed further with any peace negotiations.

"The removal of baseball from the courts," says Ban Johnson, "should have been the first step toward peace. It was a mistake to go ahead until that was done. The Terrapins case has been withdrawn by organized baseball, and nothing further will be done until the courts are cleared of all suits against organized baseball."

The Indianapolis club has also withdrawn its application for an injunction to prevent Pitcher Burk from playing with the Feds.

Just what the result of the meeting in Baltimore today will be is a puzzle. Baltimore was a major league franchise, which it has been denied. Feeling that Baltimore wants to have all its expenditures made good, with some stockholders to get into line, the situation facing President Rasin is not a simple one.

John Kinley Tener, president of the National League, is willing to support Ban Johnson's suggestion that a player be given a place on the national commission. However, he will object to any such a player sitting on the commission as a representative of the franchise. Tener also believes that if a major league is added to the commission, a minor league will also have to take a place on the supreme court of baseball.

President Tener is of the belief that the weaknesses of the players should be forgiven, and says that from the start he was for having all jumpers reinstated. Says he: "I never was in sympathy with the spirit of baseball legislation which bars players for long terms for playing with outside organizations."

While there was little opposition to the reinstating of all players, several club owners who thought such and such a player had treated them very badly should be punished, but that punishment should be in the form of a fine. "It would hardly be fair to welcome Weegman and Ball into our midst in the open arms, and then hold it against players who were induced by these men to jump from our teams."

"Being a former player myself, I can feel with the player, and I believe I know the trend of a player's thought better than either Johnson or Herrmann. Many players were beset by strong temptations, and I feel much moral strength to refuse, especially where a smooth voiced fellow could get a player and show him where he could make several thousand dollars more a season, and guarantee to protect him against any suits and pay his salary whether he plays or not."

"I went through the Brotherhood war, and also was interested in the American League war when players behaved much the same as in the war just ended, yet all were reinstated when the trouble was over."

Fielder Jones has followed the example set by Clark Griffith, and the Browns will have no scouts touring the country this season to induce players. The consolidation of the two clubs in St. Louis has given Jones about sixty per cent of the players to play in the minors this season. He will depend upon tips from them to keep him informed about various players who deserve the major trials. Manager Griffith will depend largely upon his many friends in the minors to keep him abreast of players by busboys, shooting Jack Ryan off to give the world the big leaguers the once-over before buying them.

Tommy Connolly, who threatened to make a big league reputation for himself last spring when he joined the Griffins in Chicago and clouted the horseshoe for 400 in his first month, will report to St. Louis in the Western League this season for a trial. Manager Griffith has retained a piece of thread attached to Connolly's collar, but the slightest strain will break it.

Despite tales to the contrary, the Old Fox never intended taking Connolly to Charlottesville this spring. The former Georgetown star is woefully in need of seasoning. He could never get it sitting on the Washington bench. Connolly is now playing basketball in Boston, his home town.

The Sioux City club is being managed this season by Wm. Casser, who was one of Clark Griffith's pitchers in Cincinnati, and the Old Fox has turned Connolly over to him to give him a lift on his new job.

It is most unlikely that the directors of the Washington club will start any civil suit to obtain Joe Gedeon from the Yankees. Ban Johnson, only today, is out with a statement discouraging such a move. What Ban says goes in this league.

The Boston Braves are negotiating with the Cincinnati Reds for Ivy Wingo, one of the best backstops in the business. If they do not get enough money for him, Wingo will probably go to the New York Yankees, who have put in a bid for him.

Ralph Glaze, the former Dartmouth football and baseball star, later a pitcher with the Boston Americans, is going to stage a "comeback" with Portland in the Pacific Coast league. Glaze has been coaching the University of Southern California's baseball and football teams for two years, but he now thinks he can pitch as well as ever.

Chester Thomas, the big backstop of the world's champions, has agreed to terms offered, and has wired Manager Carrigan that he will be on the job in the spring.

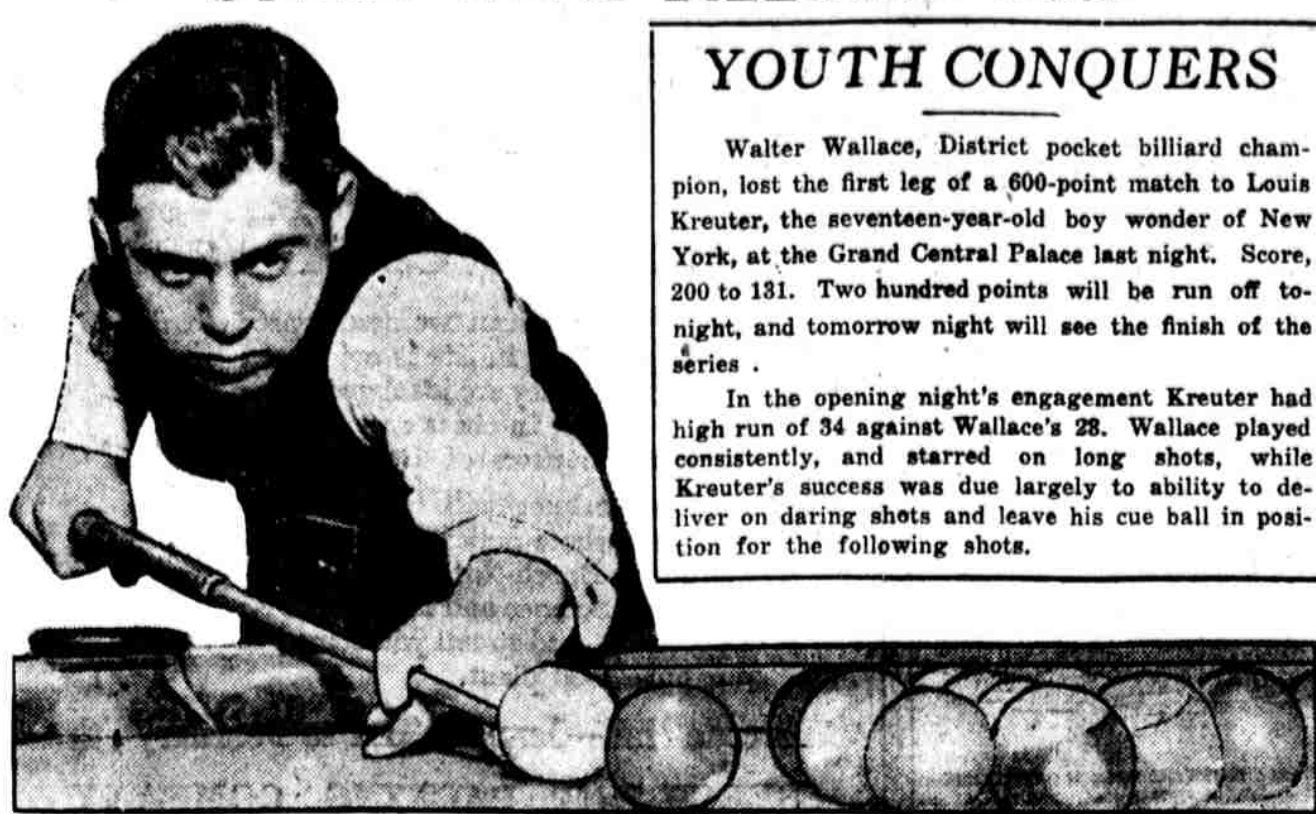
Louis "Bull" Durham, the pitcher who came up with Rube Marquard, but fell down in a month, has quit baseball for the movies. He had to quit pitching owing to an injured arm. As between Durham and Marquard, the former went

## STARS WITH BILLIARD CUE

### YOUTH CONQUERS

Walter Wallace, District pocket billiard champion, lost the first leg of a 600-point match to Louis Kreuter, the seventeen-year-old boy wonder of New York, at the Grand Central Palace last night. Score, 200 to 131. Two hundred points will be run off tonight, and tomorrow night will see the finish of the series.

In the opening night's engagement Kreuter had high run of 34 against Wallace's 28. Wallace played consistently, and starred on long shots, while Kreuter's success was due largely to ability to deliver on daring shots and leave his cue ball in position for the following shots.



## Louis Kreuter, Boy Billiardist, Like World Champion Hoppe

Protege of East Side Develops Into Luminary on the Green Table, and Takes On Washington's Champion This Week.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Washington is this week entertaining a sporting celebrity, or vice versa, who is a rare example of the familiar adage: viz: History shall repeat itself.

Louis Kreuter, the seventeen-year-old pocket billiardist, who is meeting a man three times his years over the green-cushioned table in a series of games which shall total 600 points and cover a period of three nights, is as near a replica of the champion, Willie Hoppe, as the most exacting student of human nature could demand. Hoppe, than whom there is admittedly no more expert now in professional billiards, began wielding the cue and ivory balls at the age of eight—Louis Kreuter, who is appearing at the Grand Central Palace this week, first took up the game at the tender age of eleven. He is as proficient today in the game of pocket billiards as Hoppe was at seventeen, and, like Hoppe, he is first mastering the pocket game before he tries to make himself efficient in three-cushion billiards.

A mild-mannered youth, this Kreuter has all the earmarks of a champion because of his exemplary habits, and this very element in Hoppe is the fact on which so many base the prediction that he will not be uncrowned as the billiard king for many, many years to come. In fact, his possible successor has not infrequently been referred to as the boy Kreuter, because of the similarity in character and habits of the two. Unlike many champions in the varied lines of sports, Willie Hoppe has not a single tendency which could be attacked by the strict laws of the etiquette, in which respect Kreuter is following in his immediate footsteps.

Both of these billiard satellites are particular in their personal and daily modes of living as if they were following the tenets of some Ecclesiastical college. Many billiard events are a clear sometimes during or after a difficult match. Hoppe nor Kreuter has not infrequently been referred to as the boy Kreuter, because of the similarity in character and habits of the two. Unlike many champions in the varied lines of sports, Willie Hoppe has not a single tendency which could be attacked by the strict laws of the etiquette, in which respect Kreuter is following in his immediate footsteps.

Willie Hoppe had but one advantage over young Kreuter when he started playing billiards as a profession.

### Weinert Puts It Over On Savage in Seventh

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—It took Charles Weinert, of Newark, seven rounds to stop Jim Savage, of Orange, at the Honors Sporting Club, last night. In this fateful round Weinert battered and battered Savage around until it became a slaughter. When Savage had been hit hard enough, even his seconds the sponge was hurled into the ring.

The old sign of defeat saved Savage from being knocked into a state of coma. He was lying on the ropes, unable to stand or to move. Weinert was right in front, hitting as hard and often as he could.

In this round Weinert dropped Savage with a terrific right hook immediately after the bell sounded. That wallow was the opening bar of the slugging chorus. Up to the time the fight ended Weinert was in a terrible lacing, but the Orange boy seemed to like it and kept going.

### Would Tax All Baseball Under 'Organized' System

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—A proposal to tax gross receipts from "organized baseball" games is contained in a bill introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman J. J. Connelley.

He would require all associations or corporations in the State holding games "under the system known as organized baseball" to report the receipts weekly to the Athletic Commission, and would fix the tax at 5 per cent.

### Federals Win.

The Federals defeated the Eagles by 23 to 15 in the Noel House gym last night. The winners were heavier and more able to come through toward the end of the game when condition told.

## TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

This Gedeon argument is but a tempest in a teapot, good stuff for both clubs in that it attracts attention and harmful only—that it is permeated with talk of money. It is very likely that Gedeon will go to the Yankees. All right, what of it? It was never a certainty that he would make good with the Griffins. Opposed to Morgan, he might have had a chance. If he had to battle against Eddie Foster—well, that would have been another story.

From where we sit, the Washington club has lost its chance to obtain Gedeon because it did not play the game laid out for it. The Washington club is but one organization in major league baseball. Through its official representative, the National Commission, it joined in the so-called "peace pact" at Cincinnati. This pact allowed all major league clubs first claim on jumpers who had yet to play a game with the Feds.

The Washington club was, accordingly, allowed its chance to obtain Gedeon. The terms were unsuitable and so Gedeon's name went upon the list of players to be disposed of by Harry Sinclair. Then the Yankees stepped in and did what the Washington club declined to do, namely, assume Gedeon's Federal League contract. That's all there is to the case. If Walter Johnson had jumped, just as Gedeon did, it is doubtful if Manager Griffith would have delayed a moment in taking over the Federal League contract.

But Gedeon is untied. It was not thought good business to risk so much money with a player still to make good. The Yankees took the chance. So what are we kicking about? Besides Ray Morgan is to get another chance to hit better than .233, so everything will be lovely.

The expected has come to pass. New York is savoring on all this talk of dollars in connection with the proposed ten-round no-decision bout between Jess Willard and Frank Moran. The mere suggestion that Jim Coffey or Fred Fulton replace Moran is an indication of the public pulse in New York.

There is no telling just how good Jess Willard is. His victory over an old fat man in Havana, after fooling around for twenty-six rounds, is small recommendation. He is the luckiest world's champion that ever came down the main road of fistiana. Moran has little more to recommend him. Hooking these two up for ten rounds might be the worst thing for boxing that New York has ever had, but when they begin talking Coffey and Fulton—it's time to call a halt.

Baseball has suffered severely from the talk of dollars. The man in the street, being told continually of how the ball player earns two dollars each and every minute, finally concludes that he himself is a fool to spend his own hard-earned two dollars to see that player. The same thing is taking place with the proposed Willard-Moran bout. Instead of talking fight, Willard's manager is talking decimal marks.

A few weeks ago Willard's folks were all set up over the Fulton bout, scheduled for March 4 at New Orleans. Now they back and fill when confronted with Moran in March. They have stopped talking fight and fighting to waste their time adding up percentages and guarantees. The boxing world will not languish and die, even if Willard never fights again. Indeed, sometimes it seems to us that he should stay with that circus and never bother us again.

### McKendree Loses One; Covenant the Other

McKendree was noised out by Christ Lutheran in the Sunday school basketball circuit last night in the last part of the contest at the "Y," the score being 22 to 30. Christ Lutheran takes the lead in the circuit by virtue of the win.

Covenant lost the other game in the evening's entertainment by a score of 28 to 14 to Mt. Pleasant. Superior floor work caused the downfall of the losers, as they were unable to effectively stop Phelps.

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